

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

CHRISTINA MCMULLEN,)	Case No. 1:23-cv-00118
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Plaintiff,)	Judge J. Philip Calabrese
)	
v.)	Magistrate Judge
)	Jennifer Dowdell Armstrong
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL)	
SECURITY,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
)	

ORDER

Before the Court is the Magistrate Judge’s Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 11) in this appeal from the administrative action of the Social Security Administration, which denied disability benefits. The Magistrate Judge recommends that the Court **AFFIRM** the Commissioner’s decision. (ECF No. 11, PageID #2254.)

The Report and Recommendation advised both parties that a failure to object within 14 days may result in waiver of rights on appeal, which includes the right to review before the Court. (*See* ECF No. 11, PageID #2286–87.) Under the law of this Circuit, “failure to object to a magistrate judge’s Report and Recommendation results in a *waiver* of appeal on that issue as long as the magistrate judge informs parties of that potential waiver.” *United States v. Wandahsega*, 924 F.3d 868, 878 (6th Cir. 2019) (emphasis added); *United States v. Walters*, 638 F.2d 947, 949–50 (6th Cir. 1981); *see also Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 152 (1985) (holding that the Sixth Circuit’s waiver rule is within its supervisory powers and “[t]here is no indication

that Congress, in enacting § 636(b)(1)(C), intended to require a district judge to review a magistrate's report to which no objections are filed").

The Sixth Circuit has clarified that failure to object is not a waiver, but a forfeiture. *Berkshire v. Beauvais*, 928 F.3d 520, 530 (6th Cir. 2019) ("We clarify that forfeiture, rather than waiver, is the relevant term here."). This is so because "[w]aiver is different than forfeiture." *United States v. Olando*, 507 U.S. 725, 733 (1993); *Freytag v. Commissioner*, 501 U.S. 868, 894 n.2 (1991) (Scalia, J., concurring) (noting the Supreme Court's cases "often used [waiver and forfeiture] interchangeably," but that "[t]he two are really not the same."). This difference matters because forfeited issues may, in certain circumstances, nevertheless be considered on appeal." *Berkshire*, 928 F.3d at 530 (citing *Harris v. Klare*, 902 F.3d 630, 635–36 (6th Cir. 2018)).

In any event, the time for filing objections to the Report and Recommendation has passed. Plaintiff neither objected, nor provided some legitimate reason why she failed to do so. Further, upon the Court's independent review of the record, there does not appear to be clear error in the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation. Therefore, the Court **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 11) and **DISMISSES** this action **WITH PREJUDICE**. The Court further **DIRECTS** the Clerk to enter judgment accordingly.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 27, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. P. Calabrese", written in a cursive style.

J. Philip Calabrese
United States District Judge
Northern District of Ohio